

Monson Savings Bank Promotes Rob Chateaufneuf

MONSON – Monson Savings Bank is pleased to announce the recent promotion of Rob Chateaufneuf to senior vice president and senior commercial loan officer.

“Rob has more than proven his value over the years through his hard work and dedication to Monson Savings Bank’s customers and his team members. We are so pleased to recognize his commitment with this well-deserved promotion,” said Monson Savings Bank President Dan Moriarty. “Rob puts his heart into his work. His in-depth understanding of commercial lending, his welcoming disposition and his enthusiasm to help commercial borrowers make him an asset to our team and our customers.”

In his role as senior vice president and senior commercial loan officer, Chateaufneuf will be responsible for leading the Monson Savings commercial lending team as they continue to help local businesses of all sizes to reach their goals with Monson Savings Bank’s commercial lending solutions. He is skilled in commercial real estate lending, commercial and industrial lending, construction lending and SBA lending.

At Monson Savings Bank, he most recently served as the first vice president of commercial lending and has been with Monson Savings Bank since 2012. With over 20 years of banking experience, including commercial lending, residential lending, and retail branch management, he has a unique and comprehensive understanding of the needs and challenges of commercial businesses. He has a reputation for going the extra mile for the business customers he works with in order to help them succeed.

Chateaufneuf earned a bachelor’s degree in business management from the UMASS Isenberg School of Management in Amherst. Additionally, he is a graduate of the Springfield Chamber Of Commerce’s Leadership Institute and the American Bankers Association Stonier Graduate School of Banking-Wharton School of Business. In 2014, Rob was recognized as one of Business West’s “Forty under 40.”

Chateaufneuf resides in Agawam



Courtesy photo
Rob Chateaufneuf has been promoted by Monson Savings Bank.

with his wife, Shauna, and his two sons. As an active member in the community, he served on the Board of Directors at Hawthorn Services from 2006 to 2010, serving as president and chair from 2008 to 2010. When Hawthorn Services merged with the Center for Human Development, he was asked to join the CHD Board, which he served as chair of the program committee and a member the Board of Directors from 2010 to 2020. He also served on the Board of Directors of the South Hadley Chamber of Commerce from 2004 to 2013. Chateaufneuf has also been involved in a myriad of other charitable organizations and volunteer events throughout the years including those benefitting Habitat for Humanity, the Westfield Boys & Girls Club, the United Way and the towns of Agawam and South Hadley.

“I am excited to be a part of Monson Savings Bank, a community bank that focuses on the true needs of our local businesses,” said Rob Chateaufneuf, Senior Vice President and Senior Commercial Loan Officer. “Monson Savings Bank supports the local economy by providing businesses with capital to grow resulting in more local jobs and vibrant communities.”

To contact him call 413-893-0636 or email rchateaufneuf@monsonsavings.com.

Stumped by downed tree



Courtesy photos

Recently, Scott C. Day of Palmer and his daughter Kathleen took turns lying on the stump remaining from the fallen tree at Hryniewicz Park in Three Rivers to experience and demonstrate the girth of the once-mighty tree. “I grew up playing in this park, as did my children,” Scott said.



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The residents of this home on Brimfield Road in Holland didn’t wait long to show their Christmas spirit. Want to show off your home’s decorations? Email high-resolution photos, along with your name and town (street name optional) to mharrison@turley.com.



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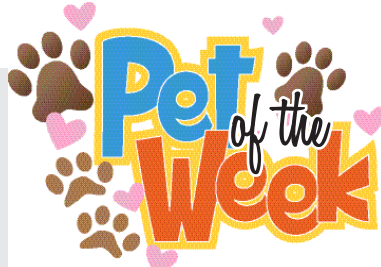
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Meg Nelson of Holland holds Libby, a 4 year-old Chihuahua who was rescued from a backyard breeder nearly a year ago. Libby is our inaugural Pet of the Week. Each week we will showcase readers' pets here in print and on our Facebook page. Is your fur friend a dog, cat, chicken, lizard, horse, bird, mouse...you get the point. All pets are welcome! Email a high-resolution jpg of your pet with a little information to mharrison@turley.com.

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Florence in light of any family gatherings that a precaution for us is to close school for two weeks," she said.

Gardner said during these 14 days, officials will keep track of how many cases emerge and will remain cautious before reopening.

According to mass.gov's weekly COVID-19 Health Report, over 41 cases with an average daily incidence rate of 24.8 and 4.08 percent positivity was reported in the Town of Palmer as of Nov. 27. The recently reported number in cases has increased by 10, in comparison to mass.gov's Nov. 19 report, which was 31.

On Friday, Gardner said the plan is to decide on whether or not teachers will be allowed to work in their buildings or teach from home.

Monsoon schools went to full remote Nov. 18 and doesn't expect to return to hybrid sessions for at least several weeks, or when the town moves out of the "Red" zone. Ludlow went back to full remote on Monday until after Christmas break at the earliest. Teachers there have the option of streaming classes from their building, or from home.

Tantasqua schools, which serves Brimfield, Holland, and Wales as well as other communities, remained in the hybrid model aptness time Wednesday.

In Palmer, Gardner emphasized that it is important for both parents and students to continue following CDC guidelines: wearing masks and social distancing in public, washing hands often, not touching one's face and avoiding contact with anyone outside the home as much as possible.

The Non-Hybrid Education Plan 2020-2021 in Palmer schools has students conducting their learning through Google Classrooms, which will have the educational material provided by instructors who will either be teaching through recorded lessons, supplementary videos or on a livestream.

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Flu shot clinic doubles as test run for eventual vaccine

By Jonah Snowden
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FISKDALE — Tantasqua Regional High School recently hosted a drive-through influenza vaccine clinic in the school's parking lot to serve the residents of Sturbridge, Holland, Wales, and Brimfield.

According to Brimfield Health Agent Jamie Terry, who also served as the emergency planner for public health at the event, the clinic served two purposes — getting the vaccine out to those who still needed a shot ahead of the impending flu sea-

son effort," said Terry.

"Usually Sturbridge does it on their own, but Brimfield, Holland, and Wales usually run theirs together at Brookfield Elementary School."

She also said the drills are an opportunity to find ways to improve on methods and work on strategies.

Close to 200 people were inoculated during the clinic.

"Obviously, we have a real-life scenario that we anticipate will get put into place in the spring, so it made sense to try to look at it as a regional scenario," Terry said.



Workers with the the Brimfield Health Dept. direct residents who showed up at Tantasqua High School for a drive-through influenza vaccine clinic.

son and performing an "Emergency Dispensing Site Drill," to prepare and plan for the possibility of a COVID-19 vaccine distribution.

"It's an annual drill, but this year we did it as a regional

"Last year at the drill, we conducted a hypothetical food-borne situation and had the patients go through mock scenarios in an indoor clinic. With the reality of social distancing and face masks and keeping people



Courtesy photos

A resident signs in to receive an influenza vaccine at a recent drive-through clinic held by the Brimfield Health Dept. at Tantasqua High School.

separated by a drive-through was something many communities of Central Mass explore."

Should a COVID-19 vaccine become available, Terry said they would have to learn the logistics before organizing a distribution clinic.

"We'd have to evaluate what the most appropriate site would be to use. If we start with people over 65, people that have [complications], we're not go-

ing to need such a large location because we're going to be given a very specific target group," said Terry.

"We will have to adapt to the other plans we have on records, based on what is asked by the state and federal governments."

Terry also said Tantasqua Regional High could be selected as a site for a COVID-19 vaccine clinic because this re-

cent one went well.

"We definitely felt that it worked and that we're very successful," said Terry. "We used a system called mysignup.com and Kenneth Lacey Jr. (Health Agent for the town of Sturbridge) made the decision to create sign up spots 15 minutes apart and that was really successful."

Smola announces federal grants

BOSTON — State Rep. Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means) is pleased to announce that several local law enforcement agencies will receive federal funding through the Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. These grants will provide access to equipment and strengthen training, crime prevention and enforcement initiatives across Massachusetts.

The JAG program is the leading source of criminal justice funding awarded by the Department of Justice to state and local jurisdictions. This funding is allocated for several needs, including protective equipment and communications infrastructure. As part of the program, Holland will receive \$32,104; Palmer will receive \$31,200; Sturbridge will receive \$25,125; Wales will receive \$23,552; and Warren will receive \$18,404.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration provides funds for traffic enforcement campaigns, safety equipment and non-enforcement activities by local police. All the initiatives contribute to reducing vehicle crashes and the resulting injuries and loss of life. As part of the program, Brimfield will receive \$11,742; Holland will receive \$7,162; and Sturbridge will receive \$11,970.

"As we approach the holidays, these additional resources will help keep our communities safe and encourage people to make smart decisions while out on the road," said Smola. "I'm always appreciative for the vital services that our local police officers provide."

Gifts, cards for senior citizens needed

Want to help spread some holiday cheer to local senior citizens this year? Home Sweet Home Senior Living has a plan and they could use your help.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, this holiday season is difficult for everyone to navigate, but especially for older adults who are unable to see their families as they normally would. Katie Krupka, senior living advisor at Home Sweet Home, is collecting small gifts and cards through Dec. 13 to distribute to local seniors who could use a little extra holiday joy this year.

Some gift suggestions: grocery store or other gift cards, books, puzzles, scarfs, gloves, a blanket, socks, slippers, snacks, anything handmade, soaps, hand towels, jewelry, arts and crafts, picture frames — anything you think will be appreciated.

If you are donating a warped gift, there should be an indication if it is intended to be gender-specific.

Krupka can arrange a socially distanced drop-off or pick-up arrangements for all donated gifts.

For more information, email her at katie@homesweethomesla.com or call 413-446-8722.

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I learned to never take even the simplest things in life for granted

By Jessica Leroux



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Respiratory therapist Jessica Leroux at work for Baystate Health.

I always knew that I was destined to work in healthcare.

I'm passionate about helping those in need and the respiratory field hit close to home for me. My grandfather was diagnosed with COPD my senior year of high school. Watching him struggle to breathe and have such a hard time doing the normal day to day tasks just broke my heart. I knew that I wanted to help people like him and do my part to improve the quality of life for those suffering with respiratory issues.

When the COVID-19 pandemic was on the horizon in early spring, my Respiratory team immediately came together. Every single respiratory therapist stepped up to offer their time, knowledge and expertise to no end. We knew that in the event of a surge, we would be the first line of defense alongside our vital hospital coworkers.

The team camaraderie was outstanding and I was even more proud to work alongside our entire team and for Baystate Health.

My most memorable patient was a middle-aged woman who was battling COVID-19 in the Baystate Wing Intermediate Care Unit for an extended period of time. She was a fighter! Sharing in her experience with the virus and assisting in vital therapies to help her overcome this, was something I will never forget.

The day she was discharged, her husband and children made signs to greet her. The immediate sense of relief I saw on her families' faces as they wheeled her out was beyond amazing.

It was her wedding anniversary that day! I'm grateful to have been a part of her healing and sendoff to home.

The most rewarding part of my job is being a part of this Respiratory team! Our respiratory therapists are an exceptional group of knowledgeable professionals who constantly put the needs of our patients before anything else. We are truly a team and every team member brings something vital to the healing of our patients. We are all proud of the value we bring to our patients and to Baystate Health.

I am thankful for every opportunity that I've had to help make the next breath easier for someone, each of these opportunities has brought change to my life. It reminds me daily, to never take even the simplest things in life for granted. Every patient, every team member, every experience. They've all collectively shaped me into the respiratory therapist I am today.

#My Frontline Story.

Jessica Leroux, RRT is respiratory therapy supervisor for Baystate Health Eastern Region.



They key to successful Christmas arrangements is variety

It's so much fun to arrange flowers! I absolutely love utilizing different colors and textures side by side to create a gorgeous arrangement. The same holds true when making wreaths or mixed planters for the holidays. Even though you are using hues of essentially the same color, green, the excitement is in the texture. From airy white pine to rigid spruce, wispy arborvitae to dense juniper, pointy-leaved holly to minute boxwood, they look great together when thoughtfully arranged. Finish your creation with the addition of pinecones, winterberries and even sumac or budded Pieris as accents, and you will be following in the footsteps of pro designers.

Acquiring lots of greens is easy. Many of the plants I mentioned make their homes in our landscapes or the nearby woods. While it's not recommended to go overboard, I regularly prune this time of year purposely to use the clippings in my decorating. The key to a good cut is not to leave stubs; always snip next to a side branch and space your pruning around the plant, not all in the same spot. And it goes without saying to do your best to ask permission when snipping on someone else's property.

Here is a refresher course from previous columns on how to make some of our favorite Christmastime arrangements:

Making a wreath is easy. Start with a wire coat hanger opened up into a circle. Attach some pliable wire to it. Then, wrap little bunches of greens to the base one after another. Be careful to lay them alongside, not on top of each other. You can make a wreath of just one type of green at a time, or make mixed "bouquets" for your bunches. When you reach the end of the wreath, hide the last bunch under the first and secure the wire. You can easily make a loop for hanging, or use the hook that came with the coat hanger.

If this sounds too difficult, why not make a simple swag? Choose a sturdy green for the base and position it stem pointing up with the pretty side facing you. Grab another type of green a bit smaller than the first and put it on top. Do this again and again with varying greens until you have a nice upside-down "fan." To complete your swag, wrap wire around the stems four or five inches

down from the top, leaving a loop on the back for a hanger. You can cover the wire with a bow, and insert some berries or wired on pinecones should you wish.

Homemade cemetery boxes are also simple to make, even for a novice floral arranger. If you don't have plastic window boxes or wooden "logs" in your garage, spare plastic pots are fine substitutes. The key to crafting these is to remember that they are viewed from the front, so start with your tallest, most rigid boughs in the back and work your way forward. My mother always uses plain old garden soil to fill the container and hold the greens in place. Some florists use 'sahara' floral foam- it is a great anchor and is less messy but because it is so light in weight, add some stones to plastic containers to keep them in place.

Mixed winter planters are made the same way. Try to keep the "one and a half" rule from Floral Arranging 101 in mind when determining how tall your planter should be. For proportions to be right, the height of your arrangement should be one and a half times the height of the container. For example, if your planter is a foot tall, your grouping of greens can be 18 inches high. If this planter is viewed all the way around, start in the middle of the container and work out in one direction, then turn it around and do the same on the other side. Use rigid greens such as spruce to get your height. Wispy greens like white pine look great spilling over the edge, gaining width. Because they are dense, juniper and boxwood make great fillers. Holly and Pieris are fancy and perfect for accent. If berries are scarce, you can dress up a planter with red twigs, bows, gilded pods and the like.

Have fun scouring the countryside for a variety of greens this holiday season and even more fun crafting your arrangements!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

Abusing 'march-in' rights would jeopardize COVID-19 research

Thirty-one state attorneys general recently urged the Trump administration to disregard the intellectual property protections on Remdesivir (brand name Veklury) – the first FDA-approved treatment for COVID-19 – and then license its patents to multiple drug manufacturers.

These attorneys general claim that this action would make the drug more affordable and accessible, and further claim that the 1980 Bayh-Dole Act gives the federal government the power to take such action.

But they're wrong -- the Bayh-Dole Act doesn't apply in this case. Even if it did, arbitrarily seizing an inventor's intellectual property would set a terrible precedent -- one that would threaten the health and prosperity of nearly every American for decades to come.

The Bayh-Dole Act is the backbone of America's research ecosystem. The law enables academic and non-profit institutions to retain the patents on their own research discoveries, even if that research was funded in part by federal grants. These universities and non-profits can subsequently license those patents to

private companies, which have the skill and capital to turn good ideas into viable products.

Unsurprisingly, America's economy is stronger because of the law. Bayh-Dole-related discoveries support up to 6 million jobs and \$865 billion in GDP.

Bayh-Dole also enables urgently needed medical innovation. Moderna's leading COVID-19 vaccine candidate, for example, was partly built on research licensed from some of the nation's leading academic institutions. The law has also helped facilitate the discovery of more than 200 other medications, including Allegra, FluMist, nicotine patches, and dozens of cancer therapies.

The basic ideas behind these products had their origins in university laboratories. But to become market-ready inventions, each required hundreds of millions of further investment and years of development work, virtually all provided by the private sector.

The state AGs claim that the "march-in" rights embedded in the Bayh-Dole Act allow the federal government to relicense patents that resulted from fed-

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Letters to the Editor

Let's hope democracy can hold

Democracy is a fragile thing. It needs at least four strong institutions to survive. (1) It needs a free press in order to have an informed electorate. Trump has done his best to destroy public faith in newspapers which are diligently verified before publication. He talks about the "failing New York Times" the fake news and calls the press "the enemy of the people."

(2) Democracy also needs secure democratic elections. Appallingly, Trump ally Lindsay Graham asked Georgia to throw out many Biden votes and give the state to Trump. Recently Trump has invited Michigan election officials to the white house to pressure them to ignore the voters and give their electoral college votes to Trump. He had Louis DeJoy, postmaster general, slow down the mail so late arriving Biden votes could be trashed. That didn't work. We did have a secure election but Trump is still trying to undermine people's faith in our elections.

(3) Democracy needs an independent judiciary. Attorney General Barr has been anything but. He is more like Trump's person attorney. He reduced Michael Flynn's jail time, did not stand up for voting rights and sided with white supremacists when they were clearly out of line causing violence in peaceful protests. He made his own interpretation of the Mueller report so many Americans believe Trump was exonerated.

(4) Democracy needs defense against far-right fascist types like Hitler. Germany was a democracy and Hitler was democratically elected in 1930. Within four years it was a dictatorship and Hitler was chancellor for life. If we had another four years of Trump our institutions would not hold and we would also fall to dictatorship.

Trump is still doing damage. Surprisingly about 70 million Americans still believe him when he has been such a prolific liar. Thousands have died from the virus because of his lies, (It's nothing, it's fake news, it's a hoax by the democrats, it will go away by magic, etc.) and still they are loyal. It's reminiscent of the Nazis loyalty to Hitler.

We have dodged a bullet with the election of Biden. Let's hope it can hold.

Malita Brown
Wilbraham

A complex and costly question: Will the doctor see me now?

Imagine you're traveling out of state to visit family. When you're 15 minutes from grandma's house, you decide to let her know you'll be arriving soon.

For some reason, your mobile phone doesn't connect. So you stop at a payphone to call your phone provider. They tell you they shut off your service because you entered a new state.

This scenario may seem absurd, but it's an apt analogy for the regulatory regime governing many U.S. doctors.

Telemedicine technology made it easier for physicians to provide care from afar. But thanks to onerous medical licensing rules, a doctor's ability to practice medicine vanishes at the state border.

Government officials rolled back many of these rules in response to COVID-19. Those rollbacks should remain permanent.

Each state requires that physicians take a combination of qualifying exams to receive a medical license. The exams vary from state to state, as does the minimum amount of postgraduate training. This is all added onto the tests every licensed doctor must pass, including the U.S. Medical Licensing Examination.

This system is complex and costly. A physician can expect to pay anywhere from \$35 in Pennsylvania to \$1,425 in Nevada for application and license fees. The wait to receive a license ranges from three weeks in Hawaii to nine months in New Jersey. He or she might also have to pay an additional fee to renew the license every few years.

There is a network of 29 states, plus the District of Columbia, that allows physicians licensed in one state to easily acquire a license in another. As of March 2019, less than 1% of registered physicians had taken advantage of that network. In 2018, nearly 80% of registered physicians had one medical license.

This system limits doctors' ability to provide care where it's needed most. Telehealth renders these licensing rules even more nonsensical. Pre-pandemic, a physician had to have a license in a patient's home state to provide remote care -- whether a quick check-up or a consultation with a specialist.

Federal officials recognized how these rules present a serious barrier to care during the pandemic. In a coronavirus hotspot like New York, doctors had no time for a person who needed a prescription refill. But there were plenty in the nation's interior, where the pandemic hadn't yet spread.

In March, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services allowed doctors to receive payment from Medicare and Medicaid for telehealth services delivered across state lines.

In August, Sen. Chris Murphy (D-Conn.) and Sen. Roy Blunt (R-Mo.) introduced bipartisan legislation that would allow physicians to treat patients, either virtually or in-person, across state lines for the COVID-19 pandemic and "for future national emergencies."

It shouldn't take a "national emergency" to get rid of these rules.

Consider how telehealth could help rural regions, which face a shortage of healthcare providers. Roughly one-quarter of rural Americans report that geographic barriers are a major obstacle to accessing care. Relaxing

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Even Larrondes' most conservative projections couldn't have anticipated pandemic-induced shutdowns and the effect it would have on the supply chain.

"You tend to have a steady pace for your supplies, but this pandemic made all the supplies go crazy," Larronde, who runs the craft empanada and cheesecake shop with his wife Sara, said.

"Who could imagine going to a wholesaler and they tell you they have no flour or eggs or beef or cheese? Your prices are doubling. It was absolutely crazy."

At Three Rivers Restaurant, where you can get a variety of the hand-held flakey dough-wrapped meat pies for about \$2 and whole gourmet cheesecakes for \$25-\$35 (or individual slices as well as sides, salads and other baked goods), Larronde won't sacrifice quality for price. Not even under the best of circumstances. Even nine months later, Larronde sounds like he almost can't believe the lengths and expense he had to endure just to find the basics he needs daily.

"Just the basics," he emphasized.

"Having the price of supplies doubling was bad. Not having supplies was worse. Again, just the basics. If you told me I'd be driving to other states to get onions or to shop around for flour, I'd say you're crazy," he said.

"I was having to shop at retail prices and at some point you have to convince yourself not to be tempted to use lower-quality products so you keep driving around looking for the best."

And that's while being hyper aware that there's no way to offset the added expense.

"You can't raise your prices," Larronde said. "That's not what you want to do when you just opened a business. You do all you can to match your costs and your projected sales, but at some point it gives you no margin at all."

Now as Larronde and Bullock approach their one-year milestones – Life's Memories and More in a new location and Three Rivers Restaurant its first anniversary – both have to brace for an expected next big wave of COVID-related disruptions. What they have on their side this time, however, is experience navigating the choppy pandemic waters and a greater sense of community. Not just with customers, but with their fellow entrepreneurs as well.

Bullock, who first opened her shop in 2006 and owns the only independently-owned papercraft store in Massachusetts, says she's proud of how the local business community has rallied and shows support for one another. And, while pouring their hearts and souls into their businesses, they still find a way to go the extra mile.

"We're all trying to pivot and think outside the box," she said.

"Gift cards or gift certificates this holiday season can be purchased to local stores, restaurants, and even for services like hair salons, barbershops, oil changes, cleaning services and more. People just need to contact the business and ask," Bullock said.

"And it's not just now, but year 'round. The small businesses in town collaborate, share each others' Facebook posts, hold food and toy drives, serve turkey dinners. Everyone is stepping up and showing their support."



Tanya Bullock



One of the craft cheesecakes available at Three Rivers Restaurant.

For Larronde, it's never been just about creating and serving up delicious food in a part of town where restaurants are few and far between.

"You need to think about the social part of having a food business," he said.

"Being in a food island like Three Rivers and serving a need and meeting the residents, that's when you know you're not part of some big corporation, but part of a community. If you live here in Three Rivers or Palmer you don't have to go to another town to get food. It's not all about profit because you're a member of this community and these are your neighbors. It's something you need to think about when you provide food."

One look at the comments on Three Rivers Restaurant's Facebook page is all the proof you need to know that's not just idle talk. Besides rave reviews for the food Juan and Sara create, customers are delight-

ed and charmed by the warm atmosphere and friendly interaction the restaurant serves as well.

As a longtime local business leader, Bullock said she's confident that her peers will persevere even as they brace for whatever else the pandemic throws at them. Finding creative solutions like alternative delivery methods, offering gift cards – even the paper variety business owners can easily make and print out on their own – working social media and whatever else they can think of will help them stay alive, if not thrive until COVID restrictions are lifted.

At the same time, she does fret over the damage that's been done.

"At some point, people are going to realize what they miss because it's gone," she said.

In the meantime, Bullock, Larronde and their peers will continue to invest the sweat equity that goes into

every successful business and stay as positive as they can. They do it because it's what they love. And they do it for you.

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You can see what Life's Memories and More has to offer by visiting its Facebook page or its website at lifememoriesandmore.com. You can make an appointment or get more information by calling the shop at 413-283-4448, by email at info@lifememoriesandmore.com or messaging Bullock via the shop's Facebook page.

Hungry? To view the Three Rivers Restaurant menu, go to its website at threeiversrestaurant.com or visit them on Facebook. Text orders to 413-813-9578.

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the road from their grandmother's house to see a neighbor's puppies out at play. Her brother went back to their grandmother's house that day as Holly stayed to watch the puppies. When he returned, his father, Rick Piirainen, asked him where Holly was, and he said she was still waiting for the puppies. Very soon afterward, their father sent their older brother, Andrew, and Zach, to bring Holly home for lunch, but all they found was one of her sneakers in the road.

Although a massive search was launched for her, her remains weren't found until three months later, bringing a tragic end to her disappearance. The website shares her story, and as well as the discovery of her remains.

"Seventy-nine days later, on Oct. 23, 1993, five pheasant hunters with dogs in an Army Corps of Engineers flood control forest several miles away in Brimfield, Massachusetts discovered the skull and partial skeletal remains of a small human child," the website states. "State Police were called to the scene and quickly located a small-sized T-shirt, dungarees, and one sneaker near the partial skeletal remains. Holly Piirainen had been found."

Looking for leads

"A murder was committed, and there are people out there who know something," said former State Police Det. Lt. Robert Corry, who is one of the four men looking for leads and publicizing the website at helpholly.com, and encouraging the public to get involved.

"This is such a terrible crime, just horrifying," he said. "Little kids are gifts from God and this is so wrong. The person or persons who did this need to be incarcerated."

"We are actively working Holly's case and we will not rest until the person(s) who murdered her are identified, arrested, tried and convicted," reads the website. "We created this site to further this goal and because we know that the person who has the information that

will solve this case is out there, and we want to encourage them to tell the truth so they can be free, Holly can have justice, and her family can have peace." All calls and communications are totally confidential, Corry said.

"There are known suspects," the website reads. "Help law enforcement solve this case for once and for all. Give them information you have. It may be the key piece that connects the dots and points to the killer(s)."

The family of Holly Piirainen confirmed Tuesday they are working with the men and are aware of the website, which documents the young girl's story and encourages people who may have information, no matter how small or insignificant they believe it to be, to come forward. The website includes a letter to the public asking for help as well as Holly's story, and facts about pedophiles.

"If someone told you that they killed Holly Piirainen or had anything to do with this crime, now is the time to come forward," the website reads. "If you think you may have witnessed Holly Piirainen being pulled into a vehicle or another part of this abduction...If you witnessed suspicious activity in the woods off Five Bridge Road in Brimfield...If someone asked you for an alibi to lie to police by saying they were with you on the same day and time Holly Piirainen was kidnapped on Aug. 5, 1993 around noontime, you need to report this...If you know something or saw something... Say something!"

How to give a tip

Those with information can call 413-426-3507, which goes directly to Trooper Tom Sullivan, the Hampden County District Attorney's homicide investigator assigned to the Holly Piirainen case. He will answer your call or will get back to you if you get his voicemail and leave details of what you know and your contact information.

It is also possible to fill out a form online at the website at helpholly.com/help.us.

Once filled out, the form will also go directly to Sullivan. If people sharing information want to, they can leave their contact information, and he will get back to them..

Letters are also welcomed and can be sent to Holly, P.O. Box 15327, Springfield, MA 01115-5327. All information will go to Sullivan. The letter can be sent anonymously, or if the person would like to be contacted by Sullivan, they should include their contact information.

All information welcome

"Don't judge for yourself whether the information you have is important," the website reads. "There are things about this case that only law enforcement knows, so it is not possible for you to know if your information is key. Tell us and let law enforcement fit your information into the puzzle."

Former Warren Police Chief Sean LeBoeuf, who was also a military CID officer, is one of the four men, and the author of much of what is written on the website, Corry said. The other two retired men are former State Trooper Bob Benoit and former Police Officer Thomas McGuigan, who has worked in North Brookfield and Sturbridge.

They have all worked as private investigators after working as police officers, and are currently working under LeBoeuf's private investigator's license issued to him and his company, Aragon Investigations Inc., based in Warren.

"This crime did not happen in a vacuum," reads the open letter to the public on the website. "Who could be responsible — a stranger, an old friend, relative or even a neighbor? There are honorable individuals out there, who might have the information that breaks this case. Are you one of them? Something that you saw or heard, something someone told you they saw or heard, a suspicion based on some relevant facts....anything!! You have the power to tell the truth."

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Start of Monte’s March highlighted to combat regional hunger



U.S. Rep. Jim McGovern (right) joined Mass. Sen. Eric Lesser for a livestream discussion on food security and other regional issues.

LONGMEADOW — Senator Eric P. Lesser was joined recently by Congressman Jim McGovern for a Lunchtime Livestream on food security, economic development, transportation, and his upcoming legislative goals for 2021.

McGovern represents the cities of Worcester, Northampton and parts of both Central Massachusetts and the Pioneer Valley, and has served in Congress since 1996. As Chair of the House Committee on Rules, he will continue in that role for the next Congress.

An archive of the livestream can be found on Twitter and Facebook.

Lesser and McGovern discussed the importance of food security and its role in ensuring the collective health of the nation, especially during the pandemic.

“There’s not a single city or town in Massachusetts that’s hunger-free,” McGovern said.

“There is not a single city or town in the United States of America that’s hunger-free. Before this pandemic,

there were 40 million people in our country who didn’t know where their next meal was going to come from. Now, with the pandemic, that number has skyrocketed.”

McGovern also emphasized the need for infrastructure investments like high-speed rail for economic growth, drawing on his experience with the development of the Worcester rail line as an example.

“It was an important stimulus for good, smart, economic development,” he explained. “It’s good for the environment, gets people off the road, and is a safer mode of transportation.” He also applauded Senator Lesser for his efforts backing the East-West rail study.

“There’s so much benefit to it, and I think it could help spur smart development in some of the communities that need it most.”

When asked about his legislative priorities for the upcoming term, McGovern listed several issues he considered to be a priority, including an infrastructure bill, combating climate

change, and convening a White House conference on nutrition and hunger. However, COVID-19 relief was first and foremost to him noting that, “77% of the American people want another bill.”

McGovern also stated that, “We need to save lives, and we need to pass a stimulus package, and I hope we can do that before January to help struggling families, to help save our restaurants, to help small businesses and to be able to keep our economy alive so that when this is over with, we will thrive.”

Lesser also joined McGovern for the kick-off of Monte’s March this morning, where McGovern, along with 93.9’s Monte Belmonte, began walking a route consisting of 43 miles between Springfield and Greenfield to raise funds for food insecurity and create awareness of funds to combat it.

More information about Monte’s March, including information on donations, go to foodbankwma.org.

Grant deadline extended to Dec. 14

The Monson Cultural Council has extended the deadline to apply for community-orientated projects in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences. Local organizations, schools, and individuals have until Dec. 14 to apply.

These grants can support a variety of projects including lectures, workshops, performances in schools, exhibits, and festivals and must take place between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2021. Monson priorities can be found online at mass-culture.org/Monson along with the link to the online application.

Brimfield and Ware awarded information technology grants

BOSTON — Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means) is pleased to announce that both Brimfield and Ware will receive funding as part of Massachusetts’ Community Compact Information Technology Grant program. Brimfield has been awarded \$75,000 and Ware has been awarded \$140,175.

“I’m thrilled that Brimfield and Ware were able to secure these competitive grants,” said Representative Smola. “This is a great opportunity to modernize certain services and

plan for the future.”

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Pioneers finally score in finale

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

PALMER—The Hampden Charter and Pathfinder girls soccer teams were looking to get into the win column for the first time this fall when they battled each other in the season finale.

The Lady Pioneers got the job done with a 3-2 home victory over the Wolves on Nov. 16.

"It feels very good to end our season on a high note," said Pathfinder head coach Tom Dyjack. "We were able to score a couple of goals and our goalie made a couple of key saves."

A year ago, Pathfinder and Hampden Charter, which is in Chicopee, faced each other twice during the regular season. The Wolves won the first meeting, 5-0, and the second match-up ended in a 1-1 draw.

The Lady Pioneers, who qualified for the 2019 Western Massachusetts Division 4 tournament with an 8-7-3 record, normally plays against other vocational schools like McCann Tech, Sci-Tech, Putnam, and Westfield Tech during the regular season.

Because of COVID-19, the Lady Pioneers were put into a bubble with seven other schools from the surrounding communities. The top finishers in the league standings were Monson, Belchertown, South Hadley, Granby, and Palmer.

"We just tried to do our best in every game this season," Dyjack said. "We do have a lot of younger players on the team, so we should have a much better season next year. This was a very competitive game for us."

Prior to facing Pathfinder, Hampden Charter had only played three games against Pope Francis, which were all one-sided affairs.

The only two seniors listed on the Pathfinder roster are Jylian Auger and Cierra Table, who are goalkeepers. Neither one of them played in the final game of the season.

Sophomore Angelina Therrian made a total of 12 saves in her first varsity game as a goalie.

"Angelina had never even played the position in practice, but she told me that she could do it," Dyjack said. "She made a couple of big saves and played fantastic out there."

The Lady Pioneers took the lead for the first time with about ten minutes remaining in the second half.

With the score tied at 2-2, Pathfinder sophomore Stephanie Kozlick dribbled the ball between a couple of defenders down the



Ava Theoclis looks for an open teammate.

left wing before delivering a pass into the box. The pass went to junior Courtney Shea, who blasted a shot into the back of the net past sophomore Hampden Charter sophomore goalie Victoria Fogg (8 saves).

"Stephanie was able to work the ball down the field before crossing it into the box," Dyjack said. "Courtney was able to finish the play by scoring her first varsity goal. It was a beautiful play."

Kozlick scored Pathfinder's first two goals during the first half.

"It was my first two goals of the season," Kozlick said. "We faced a bunch of very good teams,



Sophia Dobek makes a run near the sideline.

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SOCCKER



Emilia Finnegan advances up the field pursued by the South Hadley defense during the final game of the season for Monson girls soccer.

Abrupt end to Monson girls season unknown

MONSON – While it is very possible COVID-19 cases or concerns were to blame for the very abrupt end to the season for Monson High School girls soccer, the school's athletic director is not giving a full explanation as to why the Mustangs were unable to complete the season.

Monson girls soccer played its final game against South Hadley, a 2-1 win in early November.

Monson was scheduled to play later in the week against Ware, and had a couple more games on its schedule when their games were postponed.

Athletic Director Leah Zippin did not specify the reason, though her statement indicated COVID-19 issues were the reason.

"Unfortunately, we needed to cut the girls varsity soccer program short like so many districts around

us," said Zippin. "We are very proud of the girls for handling the situation with grace and maturity. They were having a great season and they are appreciative that they were able to compete at all this fall. The seniors are a very special group and we will miss them. There is a lot of underclassmen talent and the program has a bright future."

Other schools had to cancel certain sports due to individuals being ineligible to play either by testing positive for the coronavirus or being quarantined for contact tracing purposes. Monson boys soccer was able to complete its season.

Monson High School girls soccer has been one of the most successful programs at the school. Monson scored the first regular season defeat of league rival South Hadley. South Hadley had not previously lost a game in regular season since 2017.



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Sydnée DeVries balances the ball off her foot.

WINTER

Wrestling to be played in spring season

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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REGION – First it was outdoor "indoor" track, now could wrestling be moving outdoors?

Rather than cancel the high school wrestling season, the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association has voted to move wrestling to the spring season.

A "bubble" was placed between the winter and spring seasons to account for sports that were either shut down, or in the case of football and cheerleading, sports that were deemed high-risk to play during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

While there is optimism some restrictions will lift as the vaccine

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Pioneers look for roster hopefuls

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Though the tryouts had to be more staggered with plenty of social distance, the Western Mass. Pioneers organization held tryouts prior to the Thanksgiving holiday for its many academy youth teams. Tryouts were held for numerous age groups for both boys and girls at Lusitano Field. The Pioneers are hopeful to have a normal regular season starting in the spring.



BASKETBALL

Hoophall event cancelled, to return in 2022

SPRINGFIELD — The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame announced today the cancellation of the 2021 Spalding Hoophall Classic presented by Eastbay. The annual basketball showcase entering its 20th year at Springfield College, the birthplace of basketball, is typically played during MLK Weekend.

"We're obviously extremely disappointed to cancel Hoophall Classic, a premiere event in the high school basketball calendar," said Greg Procino, Vice President of Basketball Operations for the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. "The event has seen tremendous talent and success over

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MIAA issues statement regarding status of winter sports

FRANKLIN – The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) COVID-19 Task Force representatives today presented winter sport modifications and recommendations for the 2020-2021 season to the MIAA Board of Directors.

This presentation culminated a two-week MIAA governance process which included sport-specific sub-committee meetings where updated Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) and current Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary (DESE) guidelines were reviewed. These subcommittees created sport-specific modifications and presented them to the full committees for approval. The MIAA Sports Medicine Committee (SMC) and ultimately the MIAA Covid-19 Task force subsequently approved the modifications.

MIAA Executive Director Bill Gaine stated, “The MIAA’s mission can be defined by a dual prescription: promoting maximum participation opportunities for the maximum number of student-athletes so that life lessons can be learned. At the same time, promoting the health and safety of all participants is the Association’s imperative.”

The MIAA Board of Directors voted to approve sport-specific modifications for the Winter Season. These modifications will continue to be reviewed as they relate to current regulations surrounding COVID-19 and may be modified if necessary. Additional modifications or the decision to participate in MIAA-recognized winter sports will be determined by local school districts and/or their local Board of Health. You may view the Task Force presentation on the MIAA website.

Highlights include:

The Winter Season will have a new start date of December 14, 2020.

Modifications for the sports of Wrestling, Indoor Track, winter Cheerleading and Dance were not created or presented due to committee recommendation for those sports to be moved to a different sport season. Indoor Track is moved to the Fall II Season and Wrestling, winter Cheerleading and Dance are moved to the Spring Season.

MIAA President and Marshfield Superintendent Jeff Granatino said, “It is great to see that so many of our student-athletes will be able to take part in the sports they love this winter. Many coaches, athletic directors, principals and superintendents worked hard over the past few weeks to ensure that we would be able to offer interscholastic athletes for our students, and I want to

thank them for their efforts.”

Granatino added, “The pandemic has reshaped the way education is delivered across the country and the same can be said about its impact on athletics. Nonetheless, I am confident our student-athletes and coaches will adjust to the new expectations this winter and have an experience as fulfilling and as exciting as what we saw during the fall season. Gaine reinforced, “Our membership should be proud that our Board’s actions today reflect allegiance to the MIAA mission.”

The approved Winter Season sport modifications are located on the MIAA COVID-19 Task Force Page. The Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) document located on the Task Force page is currently being updated to better reflect and provide clarity with recent decisions. This will be posted as soon as possible.

T-Birds make big food donation

SPRINGFIELD – On Tuesday, Nov. 24, Springfield Thunderbirds’ mascot Boomer along with members of the Springfield Thunderbirds front office and MassMutual staff made a large donation of non-perishable food items to Friends of the Homeless in Springfield.

The donation, a sizable amount of food spanning multiple pallets, is the culmination of a successful “Thanks for Giving” program the Thunderbirds’ Foundation hosted for the month of November, with support from MassMutual. Supporters of the Thunderbirds were encouraged to visit the office or Hilton Garden Inn in Springfield to donate food, with the Nicebox Icebox parked outside the Thunderbirds’ office every Wednesday to receive donations.

“It was tremendous to see the generosity of so many individuals the past few weeks,” said Thunderbirds President Nathan Costa. “Our sincerest thanks go out to all that supported the drive, including MassMutual. These past few months have been challenging, but we’re happy that we can continue to make an impact on our community through Foundation-related programs.”

Friends of the Homeless is a program operated by Clinical & Support Options

(CSO) that provides shelter to more than 1,000 individual men and women each year and also assigns a case worker to each guest to help them find work, permanent homes, navigate assistance programs, and access behavioral and mental health support.

Tuesday’s delivery continued a consistent track record of community involvement from the T-Birds Foundation, a 501(c)(3) public charity established by the franchise to benefit causes in Springfield and surrounding Pioneer Valley communities. Over the summer, the T-Birds Foundation made a number of food deliveries to front line workers as part of the “From the Heart” campaign. During the month of October, the T-Birds Foundation made a donation of \$15,000 to the Rays of Hope, supporting breast cancer research and awareness.

The mission of the T-Birds Foundation is to serve the Springfield community and the Pioneer Valley beyond every win and loss through a focus on providing and supporting initiatives in the areas of health and wellness, youth enrichment, and civil service. Donations can be made to the T-Birds Foundation at any time by visiting <https://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/3391100>.

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rolls out in the next few months, the MIAA is operating as through the pandemic conditions exist until they are otherwise guided by the state Department of Energy and Environmental Affairs. The EEA has been issuing the guidance high schools have been operating with. The guidance has included modified rules and protocols utilized to help keep students healthy while also remaining on the athletic fields.

The EEA has advised against wrestling during the winter season due to the sport having “sustained close contact” between competitors.

With football already set to be played during the “bubble” season, the decision was made to try and have wrestling during the spring season.

With school gymnasiums being utilized for boys volleyball during the spring as well as the temperatures rising, the idea of hosting wrestling meets outdoors has been broached. It is unclear how that would look and what conditions spring athletes will compete under, but it would definitely be a first to hold wrestling meets outdoors. Meets typically take place in the center of a gymnasium on hard mats.

While it will more than likely be played during the bubble season, indoor track is also being talked about to be played outdoors due to the improving weather between February and April.

It is otherwise unclear how a change in seasons will affect already shrinking wrestling programs in the region. Many teams are having more and more trouble fielding full teams of at least 14 wrestlers, of which each one can fit into every weight class. With wrestling being competed in the spring, some schools could lose competitors to their regular spring sports, including lacrosse, baseball, tennis, and track. There also could be a lack of tournaments for individual wrestlers to compete in depending on how the region reacts to the sports movement to the spring.

There will be no winter tournaments for basketball and hockey. It is unknown whether spring sports will have tournaments played.

Wrestlers are allowed to have practices during the winter season.

HOOPBALL

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the past two decades, with a number of sellout crowds, but ultimately the safety of our fans, student athletes and staff is of the utmost importance. We thank Springfield and our marketing partners for their support over the years and look forward to returning to Blake Arena when it’s safe to do so.”

The Basketball Hall of Fame plans to relaunch the elite high school event in 2022. For the latest updates as they become available, follow @hoophallclassic on Instagram and Twitter.

The HoopHall event has featured many games featuring area high school teams, including South Hadley, Holyoke, Minnechaug, Chicopee, Chicopee Comprehensive, South Hadley, Agawam, and Granby during its history.

Turleysports

Athlete of the Week



Courtney Shea

Pathfinder Regional Technical High School

Shea scored the eventual game-winning goal for Pathfinder in its final regular season game against Hampden Charter on Nov. 16.

To nominate someone for Athlete of the Week, contact Managing Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at 413-283-8393 ext. 258 or send an e-mail to gscibelli@turley.com.

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Sasha Williams follows through on a pass.

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who aren’t normally in our conference. I’m glad that we were able to win at least one game.”

Kozlick nearly recorded her first hat-trick of the season during the second half, but a breakaway shot was saved by Fogg.

With ten seconds left in the contest, Therrian made her final save of the match, which allowed the Lady Pioneers to celebrate at least one victory this fall.

“I thought they were going to tie the score again on that last second shot,” Dyjack said. “Angelina was able to come up with the save. I thought we played very well during second half.”

The Wolves took a 1-0 lead a minute into the first half following a goal by eighth grader Danasia Wilson, which was assisted by junior Kylie Pothier.

An unassisted goal by Kozlick ten minutes later tied the score for the first time.

The visitors would retake the lead when a long direct kick by Pothier floated into the right corner.

The Lady Pioneers managed to tie the score again late in the first half fol-

lowing Kozlick’s second goal, which was assisted by sophomore Ava Theoclis.

The score remained deadlock at 2-2 for the next 30 minutes.



Courtney Shea takes a free kick.



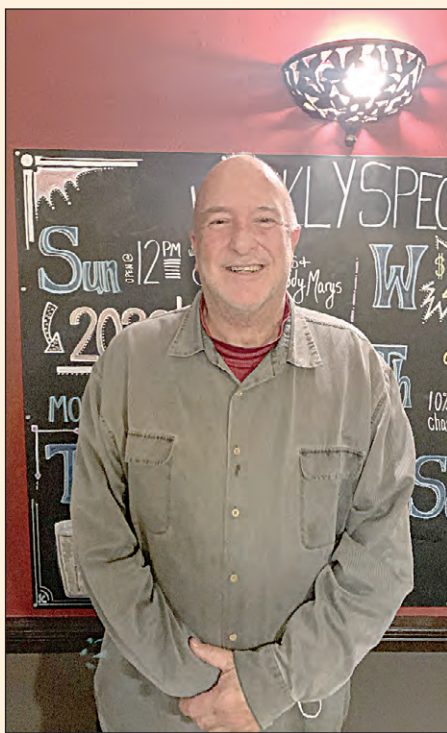
Cordelia Hageman tries to steal the ball away from a Hampden Charter player.

Photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

The Toy Drive Legacy continues!

The history of our Toy drive started 25 years ago when Dana owned the Hampden House Cafe. He wanted to give back to the community for the Holiday Season and what better way than a toy drive! We have continued this tradition here at the Main Street Tavern!

Throughout the years, the Toy Drive has donated to Toys for Tots, Salvation Army, YMCA of Wilbraham and now we are honored to be working with Kristine Duval and Dene Ackerman for the Town of Monson and surrounding towns.



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DEATH NOTICES

Natasha S. Perry, 38
Died: Nov. 21, 2020

Marcia G. Rooney
(Abdalla)
1941-2020
Died: Nov. 19, 2020

The Journal Register
OBITUARY POLICY

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Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.

O B I T U A R I E S

Marcia G. Rooney 1941-2020

PALMER — Marcia G. (Abdalla) Rooney of Palmer died on Nov. 19, 2020.

She was born and grew up in New Britain, Conn., the daughter of the late Constantine (Gus) and Helen (Pozniak) Abdalla. A graduate of Emmanuel College in Boston, she earned a BA with a major in biology and a minor in chemistry. After college she worked at the Yale Medical School in New Haven as a research assistant in the Department of Internal Medicine.

A violinist in several youth orchestras, she was also accepted by the Connecticut All-State Orchestra. She was a competition-winning pianist, performing

events in the Hartford area. She especially enjoyed accompanying her school choral groups and several of her fellow musicians.

Marcia was a graduate of the Roosevelt Junior High School and St. Thomas Aquinas High School, both in New Britain. An artist since her youth, she went on to graduate in 1982 from the Clark University School at the Worcester Art Museum.

Her wide range of interests including serving as a past trustee of the Palmer Library, working behind the scenes on public



interest issues, and participating in many political campaigns.

Marcia was predeceased by her husband, James P. Rooney of Palmer, who died in February. She leaves a son and daughter-in-law, James D. Rooney and Tara Levine of Dover and her grandsons Joshua and Matthew. She also leaves a sister Linda Kilburn of Burlington, Conn.

Funeral arrangements have taken place. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sisters of Notre Dame, 468 Poquonock Ave., Windsor, CT 06095.

Natasha S. Perry, 38

CHICOPEE — Natasha S. Perry, 38, passed away on Nov. 21, 2020, in Baystate Hospital.

She was born in Southbridge on Aug. 23, 1982, daughter of Michael Perry of Charlton and Bonnie (Merritt) Smith of Wales. Tasha enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserves, an achievement she was very proud of. She enjoyed playing video games, coloring and writing poetry.

Tasha will be remembered for her love of music, her sweet caring personality and witty sense of humor.

She was predeceased by her sister, Crystal Easterly. On Nov. 11, 2020, and her stepdad, Michael Smith, in 2019. Besides her parents, her love and memory will be cherished by her daughter, Kacie Mundell and son-in-law Jordan Brewington and son Caleb Carney. She is also survived by her brother, Kyle Perry, boyfriend Clinton, nephew, Austin Easterly, half brother Billy Perry and grandfather, Jimmy



Merritt and his wife Lenora. Many aunts and uncles will also miss her dearly.

Visitation was held Nov. 25 at the Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home, followed by a time of remembrance. Burial was private.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to her daughter to help cover the funeral costs. For details, please visit beersand-story.com.

AARP offers Fraud Watch update

The AARP Fraud Watch Network provides you with tips and resources to help you spot and avoid identity theft and fraud so you can protect yourself and your family. Our watchdog alerts will keep you up to date on con artists' latest tricks. It's free of charge for everyone: AARP members, non-members, and people of all ages. Be a fraud fighter! If you can spot a scam, you can stop a scam. Report scams to local law enforcement. Contact the AARP Fraud Watch Network at www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork for more information on fraud prevention.

AARP Fact Tracker

Do you believe everything you see online? The obvious answer is no, but there are plenty of sensationalized headlines, misleading stories and even complete falsehoods circulating on the Internet, making it hard for even the most discerning reader to sort fact from fiction.

Disinformation online is a key tool for scammers. Luckily AARP has a new online resource to arm you with the skills to decipher what's real and what isn't on the web. Visit aarp.org/fact-tracker for interactive tools and resources that will help you sort out fact and fiction online.

Scams Targeting Veterans

Their time in service to protect our country is over. Now it's our turn to protect our veterans from scams. Veterans deserve our gratefulness, our respect and

praise. Here's what they don't deserve: attempts to take advantage of their service. Yet every day, scammers attempt to defraud our veterans of their hard-earned benefits, steal their identity, or take their savings. These frauds include seeking donations for fake charities claiming to serve our nation's veterans (always research before giving); targeting veterans with fake employment opportunities (it's a scam if you have to pay to get the job or provide sensitive personal information); and offers of free cash from little-known government grant programs (the federal government doesn't hand out grants to individuals).

Together, we can fight back and take one small step to repay our veterans for their service and sacrifices.

Cyber Shopping Scams - COVID

It's Thanksgiving, which means the holiday shopping season is about to kick off. Only this year, we can expect a big uptick in online shopping as we continue dealing with the pandemic. Here are three tips to make sure the hot deal you're clicking on is really legitimate.

First, be suspicious of any discounts larger than 55% off. Second, be on the lookout for irregular contact information, such as a Yahoo or Gmail address instead of a corporate retail account. Third, be wary of web addresses that are overly complex,

don't include the corporate retail name or don't start with "https" -- they are all indicators that your data or your money may not be safe.

Medicare Open Enrollment Scams

It's open enrollment season, which means it is also Medicare fraud season. Eligible beneficiaries have until December 7 to shop for the best deal for their health care dollar. Unfortunately some of the deals they will be offered won't be deals at all.

Just like in other years, Medicare scams spike during open enrollment season with scammers posing as insurance providers calling and emailing about free gifts or limited time offers. These scams are all designed to capture information scammers can use to bill Medicare for bogus services and treatment.

Be suspicious of anyone who calls, emails or visits you promoting a Medicare plan. Legitimate health plans can only contact you if you've requested information. Don't give personal information to anyone who calls or visits out of the blue and always review your Medicare or explanation of benefits statement to ensure fraudulent charges aren't included.

Report scams to local law enforcement. For help from AARP, call 1-877-908-3360 or visit the AARP Fraud Watch Network at www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork.

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state-based telehealth restrictions could allow physicians in populous areas to provide advice to rural healthcare professionals.

The pandemic has shown the benefit that easing unnecessary medical licensing restrictions can

deliver for patients and the healthcare system. It's time to waive those restrictions for good.

Sally C. Pipes is President, CEO, and the Thomas W. Smith fellow in healthcare policy at the

Pacific Research Institute. Her latest book is *False Promise: The Disastrous Reality of Medicare for All* (Encounter 2020). Follow her on Twitter @sallypipes. This piece originally ran in the *Tennessean*.

Police/Fire

Police Logs

PALMER

The Palmer Police Department responded to a total of seven arrests or arrests for summons from Nov. 24 to Dec. 1. Those arrested will appear at the Palmer District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Wednesday, Nov. 25

Steven H. Sansouci, 21, of 26 Blair Rd., Blandford, was arrested at 10:50 p.m., on South Main Street in Bondsville, on charges of operating under the influence of liquor; negligent operation of a motor vehicle; speed great that what was reasonable and proper and a marked lanes violation.

Thursday, Nov. 26

Sigfredo Anglero-Madera, 42, of 19 Hillside VLG., Ware, was ar-

rested at 9:41 p.m., in the vicinity of the Three Rivers Red Bridge; on charges of operating under the influence of liquor; negligent operation of a motor vehicle and two counts of child endangerment while operating under the influence.

Saturday, Nov. 28

Lisa A. Pontz, 54, 370 Mill Valley Rd. TRLR Apt. #32, Belcher-town, was arrested at 10:41 a.m., on Wright Street in Palmer, for BDP arrest for 209A violation.

Thursday, Nov. 26

Andrew Richard Randall, 25, of 59 Merfield Ln., Pittsford, was arrested at 7:43 p.m., on charges of failing to stop for red lens; negligent operation of a motor vehicle and operating under the influence of liquor.

Friday, Nov. 27

James Michael Zielinski, 58, of 60 Paradise Lake Rd., Monson, was arrested at 6:42 p.m., on charges of a forth or greater offense of operating under the influence of liquor; possessing an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle and an unsafe operation of a motor vehicle.

Saturday, Nov. 28

Heriberto Gonzalez, 26, of 69 West St. Apt. #2, Worcester, was arrested at 5:52 p.m., on charges of possession to distribute a Class D drug (Marijuana/THC); possession to distribute a Class B drug (MDMA) and two counts of possession of a Class E drug (Xanax and Adderall).

Fire Logs

PALMER

The Palmer Fire Department responded to a total of nine calls from Nov. 25 to Nov. 30.

On Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 10:32 a.m., the department provided public service on River Street. The department returned to service at 11:15 a.m.

On Friday, Nov. 27 at 2:57 p.m., the department provided medical assistance on Depot Street. The department returned to service at 3:03 p.m.

On Saturday, Nov. 28 at 1:49 p.m., the department responded to an alarm activation on North Main Street. The department returned to service at 2:11 p.m.

On Saturday, Nov. 28 at 11:34 p.m., the department dispatched and cancelled en route on Hill Street. The department returned to service at 11:54 p.m.

On Sunday, Nov. 29 at 12:51 p.m., the department responded to an alarm activation on Depot Street. The department returned to service at 1:14 p.m.

On Monday, Nov. 30 at 2:14 a.m., the department provided station coverage in Boston Road in Wilbraham. The department returned to service at 4:05 a.m.

On Monday, Nov. 30 at 12:09 a.m., the department conducted a smoke investigation on South Main Street. The department returned to service at 1:00 p.m.

On Monday, Nov. 30, at 3:46 p.m., the department responded to an alarm activation on Thorndike Street. The department returned to service at 3:58 p.m.

On Monday, Nov. 30, at 8:25 p.m., the department responded to a call that was dispatched and cancelled en route on Central Street. The department returned to service at 8:09 p.m.

THREE RIVERS

The Three Rivers Fire Department responded to a total of five calls, from Nov. 23 to Nov. 30.

On Monday, Nov. 23 at 8:51 p.m., the department responded to an EMS incident on Pine Street. The department returned to service at 9:32 p.m.

On Tuesday, Nov. 24 at 5:39 p.m., the department responded to a cooking incident on Meadow Lane. The department returned to service at 6:19 p.m.

On Friday, Nov. 27 at 10:56 p.m., the department responded to a motor vehicle accident on Main Street. The department returned to service at 12:00 a.m.

On Monday, Nov. 30 at 1:01 p.m., the department responded to a call for a flooded basement on Chamber Road. The department returned to service at 2:00 p.m.

On Monday, Nov. 30 at 4:58 p.m., the department responded to a branch on a wire on Palmer Road. The department returned to service at 3:13 p.m.

BONDSVILLE

The Bondsville Fire Department responded to one call from Nov. 24 to Nov. 30.

On Monday, Nov. 30 at 9:45 p.m., a crew was assigned to respond with Squad 31 on Hill Street, to assist the police department. Squad 31 returned to service at 11:15 p.m.

MONSON

The Monson Fire Department responded to a total of 14 EMS calls and four fire calls.

On Monday, Nov. 23 at 9:43 a.m., the department responded to a carbon monoxide alarm activation on Palmer Road. The department returned to service at 9:54 a.m.

On Tuesday, Nov. 24 at 11 a.m., the department responded to a fire alarm activation on Woodridge Road. The department returned to service at 11:10 a.m.

On Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 2:37 p.m., the department responded to a fire alarm activation on Lower Hamden Road. The department returned to service at 3:57 p.m.

On Sunday, Nov. 29 at 2:22 p.m., the department responded to an intentional fire setting around Veteran's Field behind Main Street. The department returned to service at 2:40 p.m.

UMass Amherst jazz program to present virtual concerts

AMHERST – The University of Massachusetts Amherst Department of Music and Dance will present free online performances by ensembles from their award-winning Jazz and African-American Music Studies Program (JAAMS). Both of these performances will be presented on the department's YouTube Channel.

The UMass Vocal Jazz Ensemble, directed by Catherine Jensen-Hole, will present a virtual performance on Sunday, Dec. 6 at 2 p.m. The concert will feature solo

performances and acapella arrangements by Jensen-Hole and JAAMS director Jeffrey W. Holmes, along with classic jazz tunes performed with accompaniment from alumni rhythm sections recorded in 2012 and 2015. The program will feature tunes by Sting, Randy Newman, Irving Berlin, and Mel Tormé, plus "Christmastime is Here" from A Charlie Brown Christmas and others.

The following Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 7:30 p.m., the UMass Jazz Ensemble, led by Jeffrey W. Holmes

and Professor Felipe Salles, will present an end of semester concert that will also include the Graduate Jazz Composers Ensemble and undergraduate Chamber Jazz Ensembles. The groups will present an eclectic mix of jazz and popular tunes, including "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving Theme," "Footprints," "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairies" and "Chili Pepper 7," plus originals by graduate composers and former JAAMS faculty member Chris Merz '91MM.

WINWOOD | from page 4

eral funding. That's true -- but the law only permits this in extreme cases, such as when a company has licensed a university invention but refuses to produce it, while also preventing other firms from developing it.

That's not what's happening with Remdesivir -- which wasn't invented in a university laboratory supported by federal grants. So, the Bayh-Dole Act doesn't apply, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Even if Remdesivir was a "Bayh-Dole" drug, the manufacturer, Gilead Sciences, has done nothing to withhold its production. Gilead already donated its entire existing supply of 1.5 million doses to the U.S. government and licensed the drug to other

manufacturers for worldwide production. And it's producing millions more doses and providing them at prices that are deemed reasonable by independent watchdogs.

Using emergency march-in rights as a de facto price control would send a chilling message to companies in every industry: Don't bother investing billions of R&D dollars to turn federally funded inventions into real-life, market-ready products, since the government will just steal the fruit of your labor.

Bayh-Dole helps us live healthier, more prosperous lives. We should nurture this innovation, not squash it by inappropriate use of march-in rights.

David Winwood has worked for almost 25 years in university technology transfer and economic development roles at several research-intensive public universities. He previously served as President of the AUTM.

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Under the requirements of M.G.L. Chapt. 131, s.40, the Monson Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 7:05 P.M. REMOTELY.** Under consideration is a Notice of Intent for tree and brush cutting to access a well site within the 100'-200' Riverfront Resource Area at 3 Pinnacle Rd, Map 29, Parcel 19. The proposed alteration is 1,600 SF of Riverfront Area. Clarissa Shealy filed the request, property owner is Stephen Gallion.

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MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

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Town of Monson Planning Board LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 40A, M.G.L. s11, the Monson Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing **Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 7:05 P.M. remotely**, on the application of Vertex Tower Assets, LLC for Site Plan Approval and a Special Permit as provided by Section 6.14, Wireless Communications Facilities Regulations of the Monson Zoning Bylaws. The applicant proposes to install a 100' tall monopole style wireless communications tower at a parcel on Lakeside Dr, Monson, MA, Map 052, Parcel 024, owned by Peter D Martins & Lori S Martins, in the Rural Residential district. The parcel is approx. 82 acres in size. A copy of the application is on file with the Planning Board and available for viewing during regular office hours or at: https://www.monson-ma.gov/planning-board Participation info:

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

Hampden Division 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-8600 Docket No. HD20P1969EA Estate of: John C. Leveillee Date of Death: November 13, 2018 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Jeanette T. Leveillee** of Glenville, NY a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Jeanette T. Leveillee of Glenville, NY has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without** surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
12/03/2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD20P2004EA Estate of: Edward A Rimscha Also known as: Edward Rimscha Date of Death: 04/23/2005 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Napoleon Henry Surprenant** of Brookfield, MA requesting that the Court

enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Napoleon Henry Surprenant** of Brookfield, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/28/2020.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 23, 2020
Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD20P1977EA Estate of: Barbara Lee Stockwell Also known as: Barbara L Stockwell Date of Death: 10/06/2020

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by: **Wendy L Raymond** of Palmer, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Wendy L Raymond** of Palmer, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
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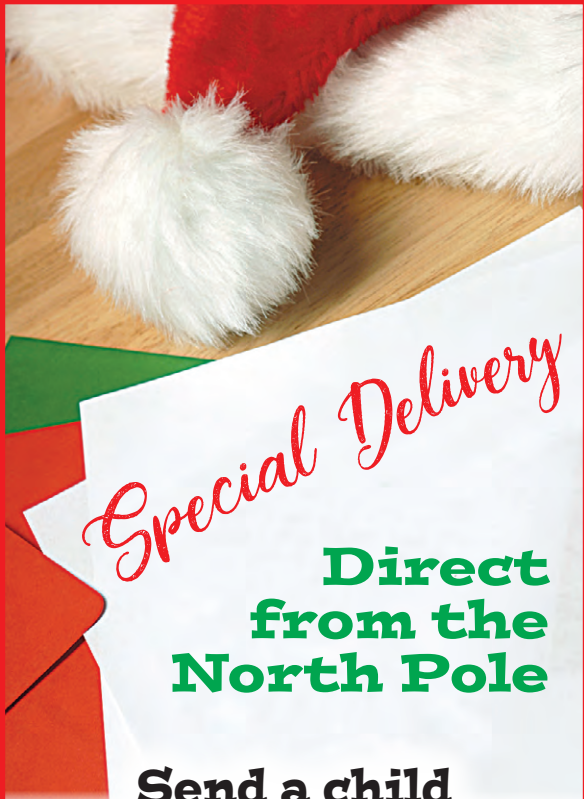
LEGAL NOTICE MONSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Under the requirements of M.G.L. Chapt. 131, s.40, the Monson Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on **Wednesday December 9, 2020 at 7:20 P.M. Remotely.** Under consideration is a Request for a Determination of Applicability to determine if the work or area associated with the existing log bridge located on Map 28, Parcel 16B on Upper Hampden Rd is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act. Stephen Phillips, property owner and filed the request.

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New STCC class this spring explores income tax preparation

SPRINGFIELD – Springfield Technical Community College this spring will offer a new class that teaches students to prepare federal income taxes.

The training will help students develop a skill to prepare taxes for themselves, family and friends. In addition, they could become excellent candidates for tax preparation jobs, said Anthony Rondinelli, a professor of business administration who is teaching the three-credit class called BUS-151 Federal Income Tax Preparation.

"A student who successfully completes this class will have a skill that is in very high demand," Rondinelli said.

STCC students have been hired or were given internships at firms such as Liberty Tax Service in Springfield.

"The preparation they get in Professor Rondinelli's class means his tax students can get a pass on Liberty's class and go right to certification testing," said

Steve Kowalski, of Liberty Tax Service. "Professor Rondinelli does a thorough job of teaching tax theory. Once a student understands theory, real life application is easy."

Rondinelli describes the online class as a comprehensive, detailed online course that will show students how to complete federal income tax returns from start to finish.

The class covers the following topics and more:

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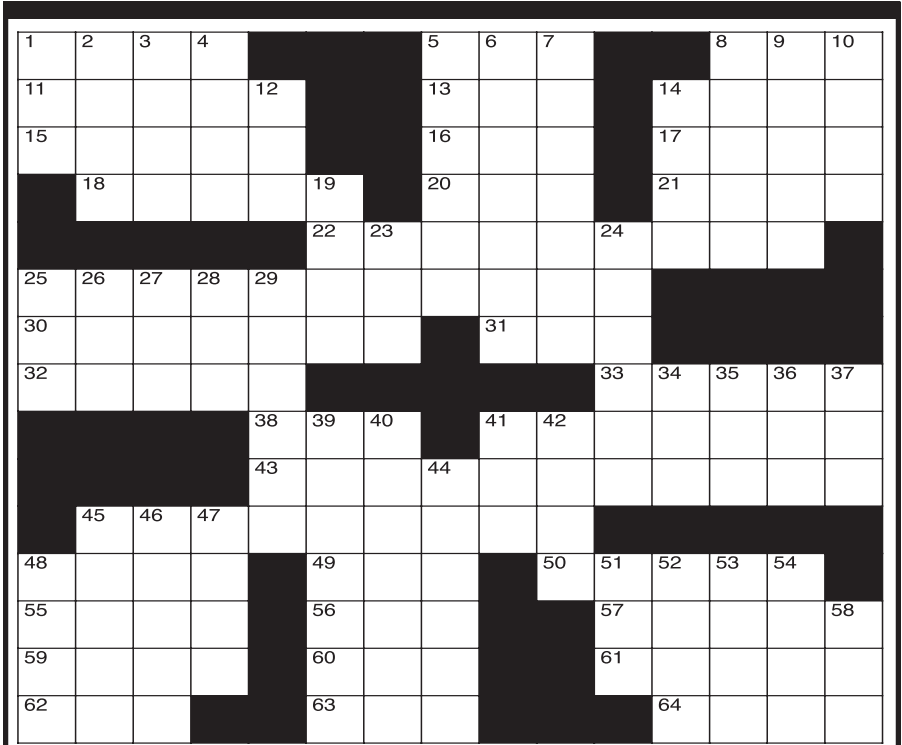
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 - Plant of the heath family
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 - Before
 - Forms over a cut
 - Runs down
 - Exercise regimen
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 - Unkeyed
 - Principle underlying the universe
 - Corpuscle count (abbr.)
 - Residue
 - Company that rings receipts
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 - Diana ___ singer
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 - La ___ Tar Pits, Hollywood
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 - Type of palm tree
 - Judo garments

In the classroom

In-person culinary arts classes resume at HCC

HOLYOKE – Every good cook knows some recipes call for a slow simmer, others a rapid boil.

Without stretching the metaphor too far, seven culinary arts students at Holyoke Community have in a way been on a slow simmer themselves since March, when their first-semester schedules were interrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

They had just completed their seven-week introductory cooking course, Culinary Fundamentals I, and were supposed to start Culinary Fundamentals II after spring break. Instead, the campus shut down and the HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute temporarily closed as the college transitioned to remote instruction.

But it's tough to learn a proper sear or sample braised quail over Zoom, and, so, their first semesters were put on hold until the fall.

And then, on Oct. 28, after a seven-month hiatus, the teaching kitchens at the Culinary Arts Institute reopened, and the students were back at their stations. Since then, they have been progressing, if you will, at a rapid boil through a series of accelerated, back-to-back classes designed to catch them up before the spring semester begins on Jan. 25, 2021.

"It's definitely exciting to get back in the kitchen into a somewhat normal routine, doing what I love and learning," said student Monica Hernandez.

Hernandez and her classmates recently completed what would typically be a seven-week course, Culinary Fundamentals II, in just 2½ weeks, thus concluding their long-delayed first semester in a two-year journey toward their associate of science degrees in culinary arts.

They started their reconfigured second semester on Nov. 16 and are already halfway through their Pantry and Garde Manager course, which will be followed immediately by Stocks, Soups and Sauces.

"Classes are very fast paced," said Hernandez, who lives in Westfield.



Chef Warren Leigh samples vegetable rice prepared by student Caroline Ortiz of Agawam. Courtesy photo.

The pace will accelerate even more during HCC's 10-day January Wintersession program. Students will be in the kitchen Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., completing two classes in two weeks, Baking and Pastry Arts, and Entrée Preparation and Presentation.

All HCC classes that meet in person must be approved by the college's Return to Campus Task Force. The majority of HCC classes are still being conducted remotely.

"Just like in Health Sciences, everybody with labs – we've all had to rethink how we're running our classes," said chef and culinary arts professor Warren Leigh. "They said, think outside the box. Well, we did. As long as everything keeps going the way it is, we're going to be done with semester two on Jan. 15 and they'll be ready to join some of the other students for semester three classes in the spring."

In addition to the fast-track schedule, other accommodations were made, such as reducing the number of students in each section.

"We can really do six to seven, but we're keeping it at six moving forward," said Leigh. "The six stations are perfect for social distancing and whatnot. All the classes set up for winter and spring we're capping at six, knowing that nothing is going to be normal for a while."

General precautions around health and safety have been elevated in and around the kitchen on account of COVID-19.

"We get our temperatures taken as we walk in the building," said Hernandez. "Multiple stall restrooms are now single use only. We can only use the dish room one at a time. We have assigned stations. We use the same dishes for every class and we wash them ourselves so each of us has contact only with the dishes we use every day. We are a lot more mindful of personal space, contact and germs. We wash our hands frequently. I find myself washing my hands a lot more."

Of course, they all wear masks, but that does make it more difficult to be heard and understood in a busy commercial kitchen.

"Wearing the mask has really proved that we need a kitchen voice to be able to talk to each other," said Hernandez. "It's really important to pay attention and listen closely."

Bay Path University welcomes prospective students to visit campus

Individual on-site campus tours for prospective students are now available

LONGMEADOW – Bay Path University is pleased to again welcome prospective students and their families to visit the Longmeadow campus in person. Tours will be available at designated times Monday – Saturday, and reservations must be made in advance. Detailed safety protocols will be in place to ensure the health and safety of all participants.

"We're thrilled to welcome prospective students and their families back to campus to experience first hand what makes Bay Path so special," said Sarah Wisnouskas, director of recruitment events for Bay Path University. "We've spent months building and testing our COVID protocols to ensure that we can offer these tours safely. There's nothing like walking a campus to feel the culture and climate of a college or university, and we're confident that we can offer these tours in a way that prioritizes what is always our number one goal – keeping students safe and cared for."

When allowing visitors on campus, Bay Path will be following the guidelines set forth by the state of Massachusetts; as such, not all buildings will be available to tour.

To schedule an in person campus visit or for more information on visitation requirements, or please visit baypath.edu/visit. For those prospective students or families who wish to tour campus virtually, individual guided virtual campus tours are still being held Monday – Friday. Please visit baypath.edu/visit for more information or to schedule your virtual appointment.

Holyoke Community College to continue remote instruction through spring

HOLYOKE - Holyoke Community College will continue to offer the majority of its classes remotely through the 2021 spring semester, HCC president Christina Royal announced yesterday in a message to students, faculty and staff.

"So much has happened over the course of the last several months," Royal said. "Sometimes it's hard to imagine how our world will change from one day to the next. It is difficult to predict what life will look like for HCC months from now; however, we are preparing and planning as best we can for every possible scenario."

In her message, sent in an email yesterday, Royal said that "out of an abundance of caution," HCC will continue to operate primarily remotely for the spring 2021 semester, with the vast majority of courses offered in a remote or hybrid environment.

"We anticipate that no more than 10 percent of courses offered this spring will be held on cam-

pus," she said. "In every case, plans for offering face-to-face courses will be reviewed by the college's Return to Campus Task Force to ensure that health and safety protocols are in place."

Royal noted that it was important to make this decision now because registration begins Monday, Nov. 2, for HCC's two-week January term and the spring 2021 semester. Registration and course materials must be prepared in advance of that date, so students have time to make informed decisions about their classes.

HCC's January term, called Wintersession, begins Monday, Jan. 4. The spring 2021 semester begins Monday, Jan. 25. HCC will also be offering flexible spring start dates on Feb. 16 and March 29.

"This is a challenging time," Royal said, "but our community is meeting it with resilience, creativity, and determination. I appreciate your flexibility and understanding as we navigate this time together. Supporting and inspiring our stu-

dents remains our top priority today and always."

Like most colleges, HCC started remote instruction in mid-March after the COVID-19 pandemic forced campus closures. This fall, all HCC classes are being offered in one of three formats: online, blended remote, and blended face-to-face.

Online courses follow a traditional, asynchronous online model with coursework deadlines established by instructors.

Blended remote courses have both asynchronous online components combined with real-time scheduled class meetings via videoconference platforms such as Zoom.

Blended face-to-face combines blended remote with some in-person instruction on campus. For the most part this format is limited to health science programs that require clinical labs, such as nursing, radiologic technology, veterinary technician and medical assistant.



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